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A REVIEW



N the flyleaf of a booklet containing a small collection of sacred songs published during the early years of our Church work in America, these words of Scripture were printed: "Remember the Lord afar off and let Jerusalem come into your mind." There is early Illinois Conference and Augustana Synod Church History in the sending out of that message among the Swedish pioneers of this great Mississippi Valley.

The history of the Lutheran Church among the Swedish people of the later immigration period is quite different from that of the Lutheran Church among the Swedes who came to the banks of the Delaware in the Seventeenth Century, different in its beginning, different in its development, different in the ultimate objects attained. New Sweden on the banks of the Delaware was a Colony of Sweden, and the Mother Country and the Mother Church were deeply interested in the temporal and spiritual welfare of these colonists. As Kalmar Nyckel and Fogel Grip set sail for the New World, that Mother Church sent with them this parting message: "Remember the Lord afar off and let Jerusalem come into your mind." That Mother Church repeated the admonition as succeeding bands of colonists went to join those already established in the New Sweden of America; she sent Pastors, teachers and books to these her children afar off. In fact, the Mother cared so well for these children that they never learnt how to take care of themselves. It was not the purpose of the Church in the Homeland, or of the Churches in the New World, to establish an independent Lutheran Church in the New World adapted to the new conditions in Colonial America, or in the Republic that followed, a Church providing its own ministry. When, therefore, a combination of adverse conditions in the Homeland and changing conditions in America compelled the Mother

Church to withdraw her care and support, these Lutheran Churches on the Delaware were unable to stand alone, and thought it necessary to join another denomination in order that they might continue to exist.

The conditions were entirely different when the Swedes of the later emigration period set out for the New World. They did not go to found a Swedish Colony, but to become citizens of this great Republic. The Mother Country and Mother Church naturally surrendered these subjects and members very reluctantly, parted with them as with wayward children and when once gone kept up no official relation with them.

But these immigrants themselves, far away from Homeland and fireside, from the Church of their Baptism, Confirmation, Worship and Communion, realized as never before that "man lives not by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God"; they found themselves in need of the Church, the Word and the Sacraments.

The words on the flyleaf of that small volume of sacred songs was a message from the pioneer to the pioneer, from souls longing for Zion to other souls longing for Zion, inviting them to come together for mutual Spiritual helpfulness, for edification, for organization, for Church life and Church activity.

There were at that time large-hearted and big-souled individual clergymen in the Church of Sweden whose loving sympathies followed the Swedish immigrants into the American wilderness and who, out of the fulness of their hearts, sent the message across the wide expanse of the Atlantic: "Remember the Lord afar off and let Jerusalem come into your mind."

Rev. Lars Paul Esbjörn came to America in 1849 and the following year organized congregations in Andover and Moline, and in 1851 in Galesburg. Rev. T. N. Hasselquist came to America in 1852, to become Pastor of the Church in Galesburg, and the following year organized congregations in Knoxville and Chicago. Rev. Erland Carlsson came from Sweden to the Immanuel Church in Chicago in 1853 and was followed by O. C. T. Andrén, Jonas Swensson and others. These pioneer Pastors were heroes of faith, constrained by the love of Christ

to cast their lot with that of the poor immigrant. They heard the Macedonian call from across the sea and accepted the call.

Speaking before the Pastors of the Diocese of Upsala, June 14, 1865, Esbjörn gave his motives for going to America in these words: "When large numbers of Swedes emigrated to America during the years following the emigration under Eric Jansson in 1846, but no Pastor accompanied them, I found myself constrained also to move over there in order to serve them in a Spiritual way so that they and their children would not sink into heathendom, or for lack of Spiritual care on the part of their own Church, be snatched into one of the numberless sects of that land, which sects are heterodox in a greater or smaller degree. I was also urged to take this step by countrymen who were already there, and who complained bitterly because of their Spiritual distress."

It became evident to these pioneer Pastors from the very beginning that these weak and scattered congregations could not maintain themselves permanently without some Synodical and Conference affiliation. But where could such affiliation be made? There were a few Norwegian Lutheran Churches in Wisconsin, but their Church polity and confessional basis were not acceptable to Esbjörn. There were Lutheran Synods in the Eastern States, but these were too far away. In the meantime, German and English speaking Lutherans had moved into Illinois and organized the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Illinois. It was difficult for these Lutherans scattered over a large part of the State to come together for conventions under the primitive transportation facilities of that day, and so the Lutherans of the Northern part of the State met at Cedarville in Stephenson County, September 18, 1851, and organized the Lutheran Synod of Northern Illinois. Esbjörn, together with a lay delegate from Rock Island, arrived late and took part in the completion of the organization, although he took exception to the Confessional basis adopted before his arrival.

The Synod consisted of two Districts or Conferences, the Rock River and the Chicago, the Germans and Americans belonging to the former and the Scandinavians, or more correctly, the Norwegians, belonging to the latter. It seemed somewhat indefinite as to which District Esbjörn and his Churches were to belong. This matter was cleared up, how-

ever, when the Northern Illinois Synod decided to organize the Swedish Pastors and Churches into a new District or Conference. Pursuant to that decision, Rev. L. P. Esbjörn of Andover, Rev. T. N. Hasselquist of Galesburg, and Mr. C. J. Valentine, a licentiate serving the Church in Moline, together with the lay delegates Carl Lindman from Moline, Samuel Jönsson from Andover and Jöns Jönsson from Knoxville met in the Swedish Lutheran Church in Moline January 6-9, 1853, and organized the Mississippi Conference.

Swedish immigration continued to pour into this broad Mississippi Valley and more congregations were organized that affiliated with the Mississippi Conference. In the meantime, the Minnesota Conference was organized in 1858 and the Augustana Synod in 1860. By 1868, at its Convention in Princeton, Illinois, the Mississippi Conference found it necessary to appeal to the Synod that the Conference be divided and the Churches West of the Mississippi River be organized into a West Mississippi Conference. The appeal received favorable action on the part of the Synod. After the Norwegians withdrew in a friendly way in 1870 to organize their own people into a general body, there was further division of the territory west of the river. The New York Conference was also organized to include the Eastern States. The name of the old Mississippi Conference was changed to The Illinois Conference, and its territory was made to include Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Southern Wisconsin.

This brief historical review tells us that the Mother Conference of the Augustana Synod was seventy-five years old last January. The Convention in the First Church, Moline, Illinois, March 20-25, 1928, is the Seventy-fifth Anniversary Convention. This Jubilee Album is sent out to bear witness to seventy-five years of blessings received and seventy-five years of services rendered.

The simple pioneer chapel speaks of the humble beginning of our Home Mission Work; the costly and magnificent sanctuary of the older congregation today tells us that God has blessed these efforts. The Album tells through its pictures the story of the works of Charity and benevolence of the Illinois Conference, its Educational endeavors, its

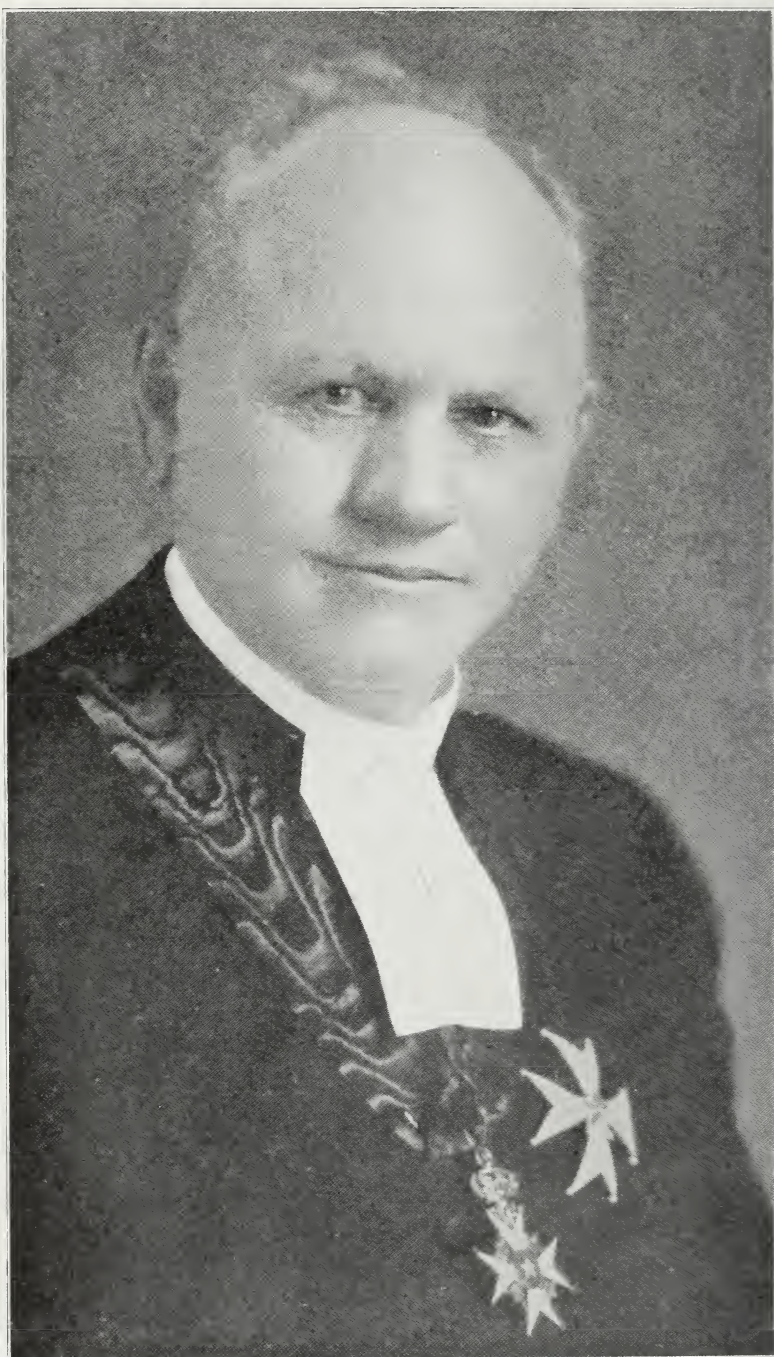
participation in Foreign Missions, its Inner Mission activities, its care for the children and the aged, the sick and the needy.

Every spire pointing heavenward admonishes our people "to seek the things that are above where Jesus is seated at the right hand of God." Every uplifted Cross says that the Pastors of the Illinois Conference, also pictured in the Album, as they face the sins and the ills of a lost race, know no other remedy than Jesus Christ and Him Crucified.

The Album is a grateful recognition of the work of the pioneers; it is designed to give a picture of the Illinois Conference after seventy-five years; it is an expression of our faith in the God of our Fathers and an expression of our hope for the future of our Church.

Above all, let it be an expression of our gratitude to God for abounding blessings received these seventy-five years.

PETER PETERSON.



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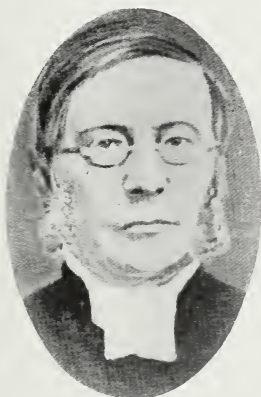


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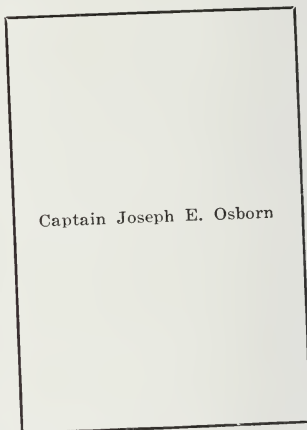
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THE WORD AND THE SACRAMENTS

This Jubilee Album, published in commemoration of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Illinois Conference, is designed to be, in its very presentation, a testimony of the Kingdom of God among us, our faith and our hope.

THE WORD

נֵר-לְרַגְלִי דְבָרְךָ וְאוֹר לְנִתְיָבְתִּי

Psalms 119. 105, in the language of the Old Testament. (Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.)

REDEMPTION, GOD'S SAVING LOVE

Καὶ ὁ λόγος σὰρξ ἐγένετο ἐσκήνωσεν ἐν ἡμῖν.

John 1. 14, in the language of the New Testament. (And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.)

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. Is. 53. 5.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3. 16.

THE SACRAMENTS

One Lord, one faith, one baptism. Eph. 4. 5.

This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you. Luke 22. 19, 20.

THE KINGDOM

Thy Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations. Ps. 145. 13.

O Gud! ditt ord och sakrament
låt aldrig bliva från oss vänt,
själv din församling skydda.

HOME MISSIONS

CHURCHES, PARSONAGES, PASTORS

The Illinois Conference is the result of Home Missions.

Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. Luke 24. 46, 47.

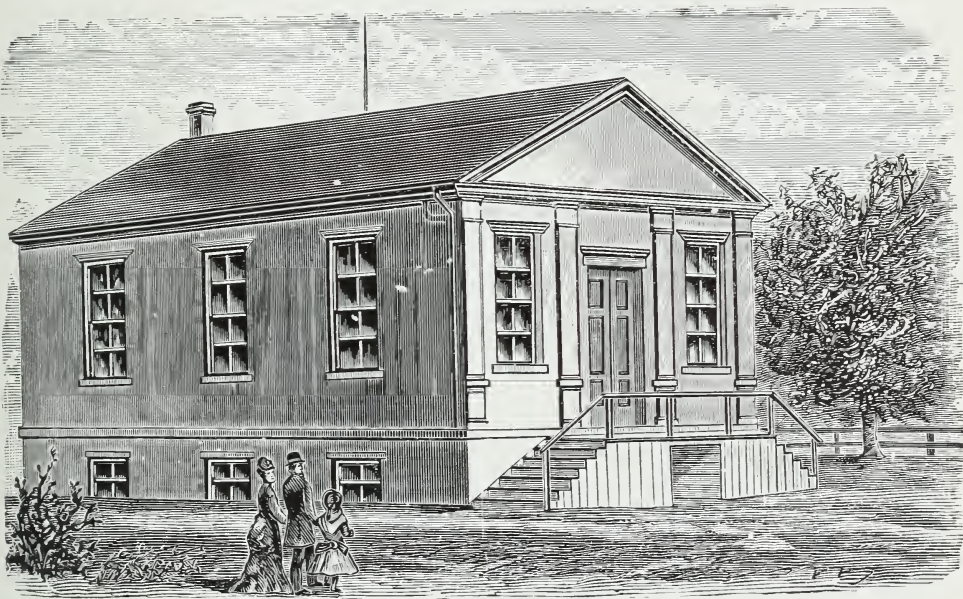
The Conference is divided into ten districts.

ROCK ISLAND DISTRICT

The congregation at Andover, Illinois, is the Mother Church not only of the Conference, but also of the Augustana Synod.

And he said, So is the Kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; and should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. Mk. 4. 26, 27.

How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. Ps. 84. 1, 2.



THE FIRST CHURCH ERECTED AT ANDOVER.* THE CONGREGATION
WAS ORGANIZED 1850

* Wherever the name of the state is omitted after the name of the place, it refers to the State of Illinois.



PRESENT CHURCH, ANDOVER



PARSONAGE, ANDOVER



FIRST, MOLINE. ORGANIZED 1850



INTERIOR, FIRST, MOLINE



IMMANUEL, EAST MOLINE. ORGANIZED 1900



SALEM, MOLINE. ORGANIZED 1908



PARSONAGE, SALEM, MOLINE



TRINITY, MOLINE. ORGANIZED 1912



GRACE, DAVENPORT, IOWA. ORGANIZED 1883



ZION, ROCK ISLAND . ORGANIZED 1891



PARSONAGE, ZION, ROCK ISLAND



GRACE, ROCK ISLAND. ORGANIZED 1888



FIRST, ROCK ISLAND, ORGANIZED 1870



PARSONAGE, FIRST, ROCK ISLAND



ZIEGLER MEMORIAL, FAIRPORT, IOWA
ORGANIZED 1900



COMMUNITY PARISH HOUSE,
FAIRPORT, IOWA
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CALVARY, MOLINE. ORGANIZED 1912



ORION. ORGANIZED 1870



PARSONAGE, ORION



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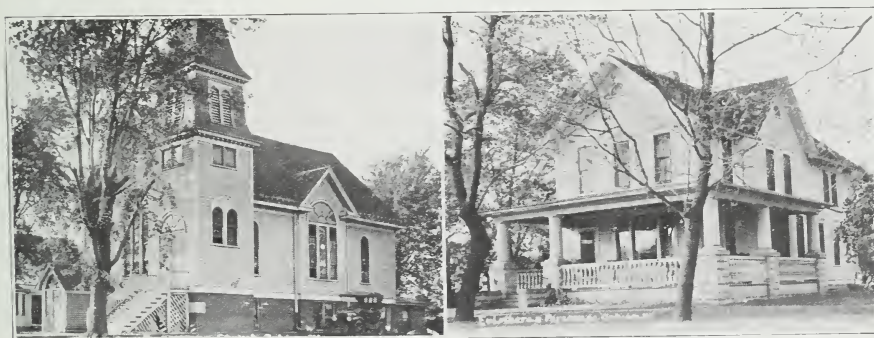
CAMBRIDGE. ORGANIZED 1875



PARSONAGE, CAMBRIDGE



CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, GENESEO. CONGREGATION ORGANIZED 1856



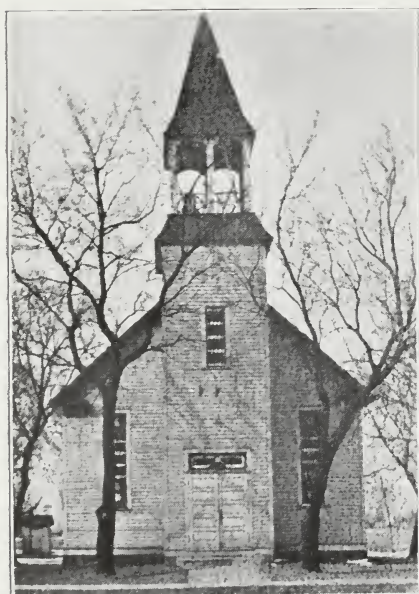
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PORT BYRON. ORGANIZED 1875



NEW WINDSOR. ORGANIZED 1869



PARSONAGE, NEW WINDSOR



PROPHETSTOWN. ORGANIZED 1880



PARSONAGE, PROPHETSTOWN



FAIRFIELD. ORGANIZED 1874



MORRISON. ORGANIZED 1898

This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. 1 Tim. 3. 1.

They shall speak of the glory of thy Kingdom and talk of thy power.
Ps. 145. 11.



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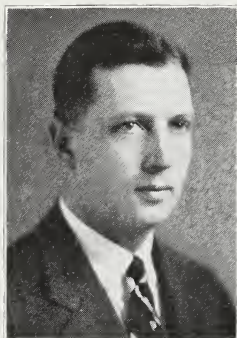
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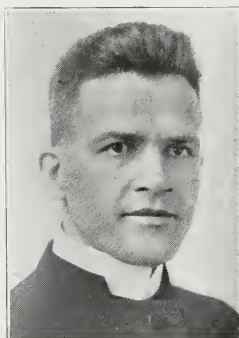
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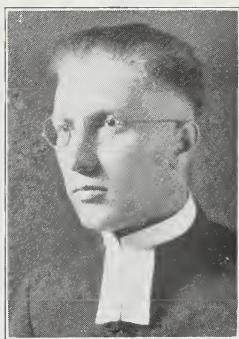
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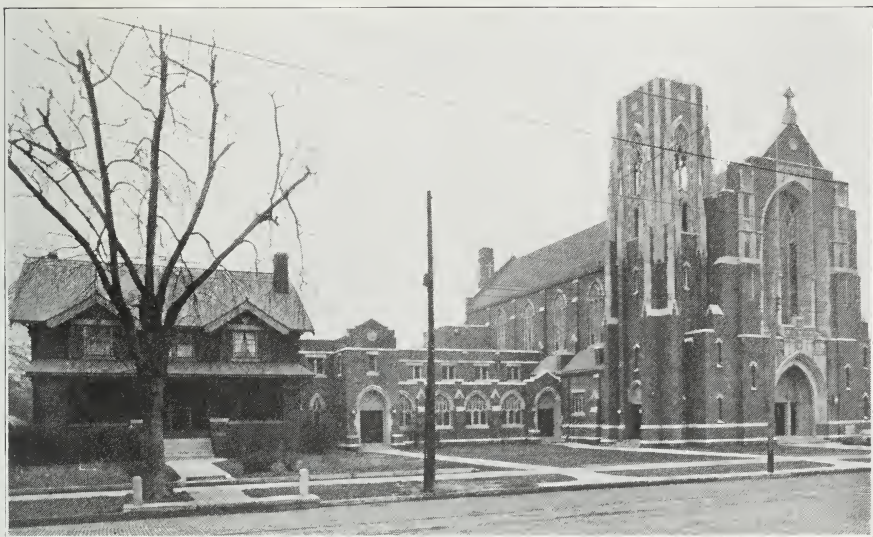
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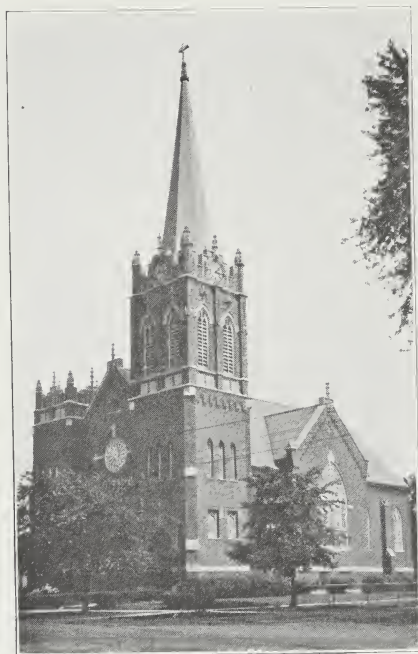
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah. Ps. 84. 4.



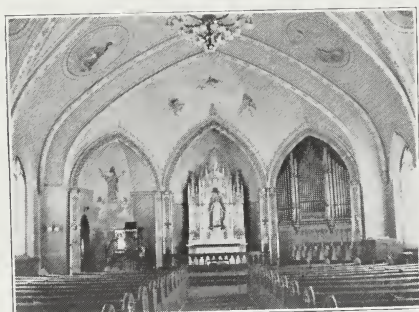
FIRST, GALESBURG, AND PARSONAGE. CONGREGATION ORGANIZED 1851



INTERIOR, FIRST, GALESBURG



GALVA. ORGANIZED 1869



INTERIOR, GALVA



PARSONAGE, GALVA



KNOXVILLE. ORGANIZED 1853



PARSONAGE, KNOXVILLE



TRINITY, GALESBURG. ORGANIZED 1906



PARSONAGE, TRINITY, GALESBURG



FIRST, MONMOUTH, AND PARSONAGE. CONGREGATION ORGANIZED 1868



FIRST, PRINCETON. ORGANIZED 1854



PARSONAGE, PRINCETON



HENDERSON GROVE. ORGANIZED 1870



PARSONAGE, HENDERSON GROVE



SION, KEWANEE. ORGANIZED 1869



PARSONAGE, KEWANEE



IMMANUEL, ALTONA. ORGANIZED 1859



TRINITY, CANTON. ORGANIZED 1890



PARSONAGE, ALTONA



SALEM, PEORIA. ORGANIZED 1883



PARSONAGE, PEORIA



CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, STRONGHURST. CONGREGATION ORGANIZED 1890



BETHANY, WOODHULL. ORGANIZED 1868



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ORGANIZED 1887



PARSONAGE, NORTH HENDERSON



SALEM, PUTNAM. ORGANIZED 1885

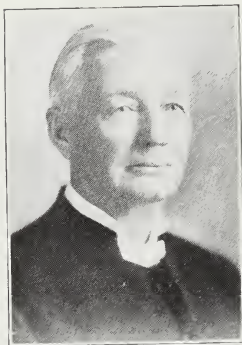


WATAGA. ORGANIZED 1853



PARSONAGE, WATAGA

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. Acts 20. 28.



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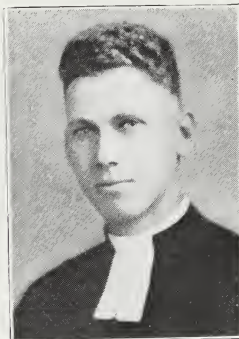
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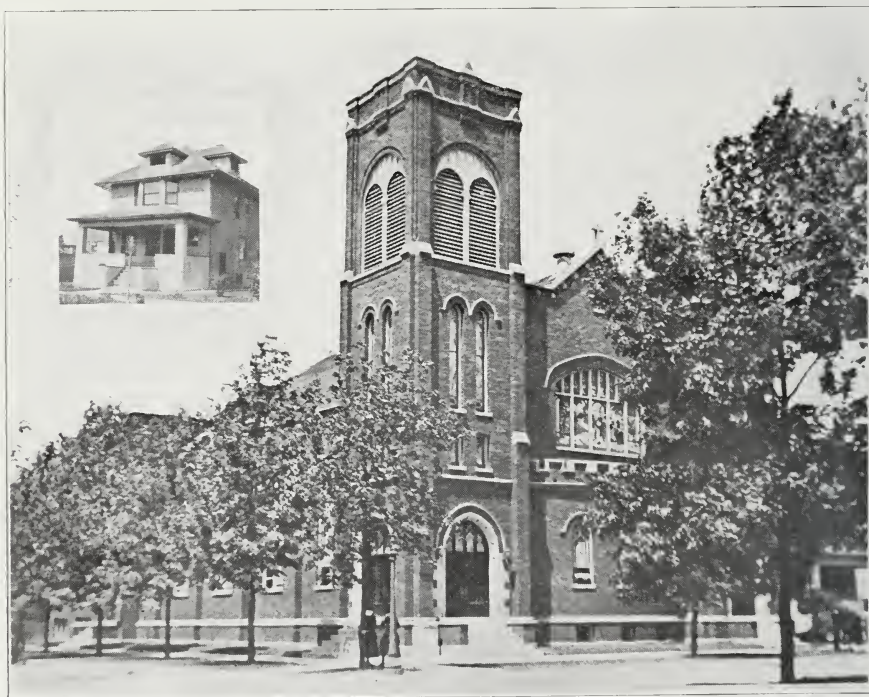
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NORTHERN CHICAGO DISTRICT

We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool.
Ps. 132. 7.



PARISH HOUSE AND PARSONAGE, IMMANUEL, CHICAGO
CONGREGATION ORGANIZED 1853



IRVING PARK CHURCH AND PARSONAGE. CONGREGATION ORGANIZED 1903



IMMANUEL, EVANSTON. ORGANIZED 1888



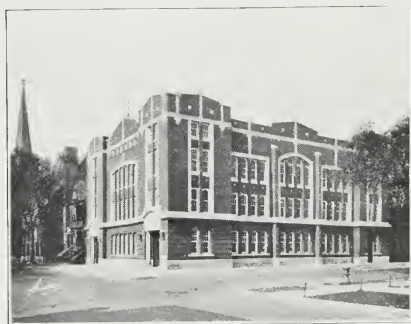
PARSONAGE, EVANSTON



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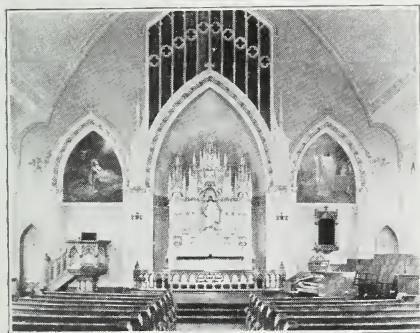
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PARISH HOUSE, TRINITY, CHICAGO



CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, EBENEZER, CHICAGO.
CONGREGATION ORGANIZED 1892



INTERIOR, EBENEZER, CHICAGO



CHURCH AND PROPOSED PARISH
HOUSE, EBENEZER, CHICAGO



MESSIAH, CHICAGO. ORGANIZED 1896



PARSONAGE, MESSIAH, CHICAGO



ST. PAUL, KENOSHA, WISCONSIN
ORGANIZED 1892



PARSONAGE, KENOSHA, WISCONSIN



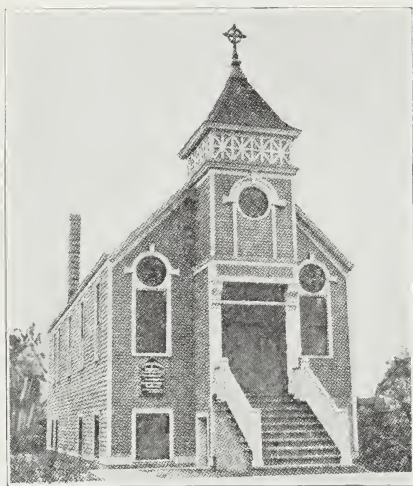
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PARSONAGE, CONCORDIA, CHICAGO



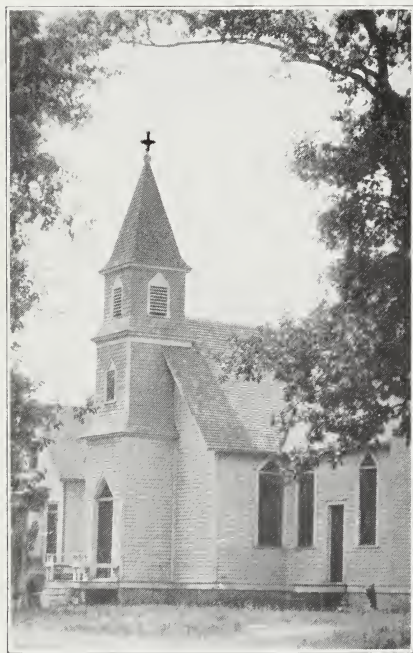
PARISH HOUSE, OLIVET, CHICAGO. CONGREGATION ORGANIZED 1926



ST. JOHN'S, CHICAGO. ORGANIZED 1904



FIRST, RACINE, WIS. ORGANIZED 1899



ZION, HIGHWOOD. ORGANIZED 1874



ALBANY PARK, CHICAGO. ORGANIZED 1917



PARSONAGE, HIGHWOOD



TRINITY, WAUKEGAN. ORGANIZED 1892



PARSONAGE, WAUKEGAN



AUGUSTANA, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
ORGANIZED 1900



PARSONAGE, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN



CENTRAL, CHICAGO. ORGANIZED 1922



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But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. 1 Cor. 1. 23, 24. In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins. Col. 1. 14.



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The kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchantman, seeking goodly pearls: who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it. Mt. 13. 45, 46.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord. Ps. 134. 2.



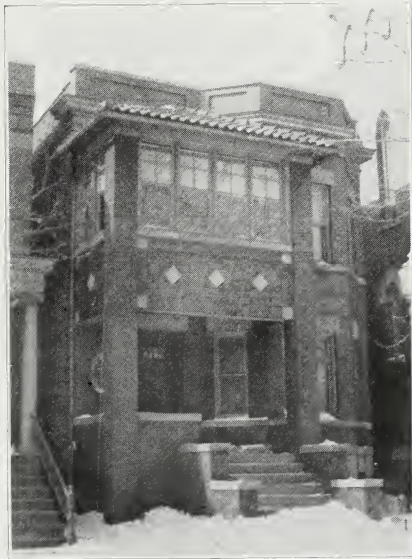
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INTERIOR, SALEM, CHICAGO



BETHEL, CHICAGO. CONGREGATION ORGANIZED 1890



PARSONAGE, BETHEL, CHICAGO



BETHLEHEM CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, CHICAGO.
CONGREGATION ORGANIZED 1875



BETHESDA, CHICAGO. ORGANIZED 1891



PARSONAGE, BETHESDA, CHICAGO



SEXTON'S RESIDENCE, BETHESDA, CHICAGO



MESSIAH CHURCH AND PARSONAGE. CONGREGATION ORGANIZED 1908



ST. MATTHEW CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, CHICAGO.
CONGREGATION ORGANIZED 1914



GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS, CHICAGO.
ORGANIZED 1891



PARSONAGE, GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS,
CHICAGO



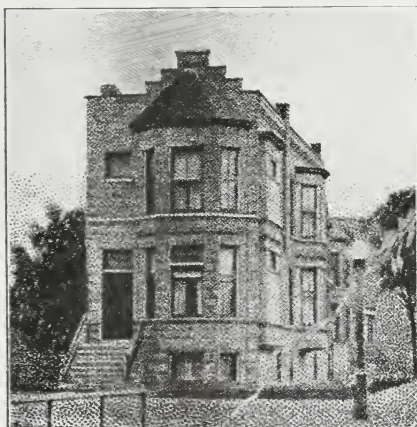
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AUGUSTANA, CHICAGO. ORGANIZED 1903



AUGUSTANA WOMAN'S HOME, CHICAGO



PARSONAGE, AUGUSTANA, CHICAGO



GRACE, CHICAGO. ORGANIZED 1909



SILOA, BLUE ISLAND.
ORGANIZED 1889

PARSONAGE, BLUE ISLAND

TABOR, HARVEY.
ORGANIZED 1891



ELIM, CHICAGO. ORGANIZED 1885



PARSONAGE, BETHANY



PARSONAGE, GRACE, CHICAGO



TABOR CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, CHICAGO.
CONGREGATION ORGANIZED 1900



IMMANUEL, CHICAGO HEIGHTS.
ORGANIZED 1901



CALVARY, CHICAGO. ORGANIZED 1923



LEBANON CHURCH AND PARSONAGE. CONG. ORGANIZED 1896



CAPERNAUM, CHICAGO.
ORGANIZED 1906

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth. Is. 52. 7.



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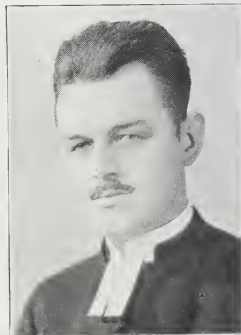
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WESTERN CHICAGO DISTRICT

A day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. Ps. 84. 10.



GETHSEMANE CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, CHICAGO. CONGREGATION ORGANIZED 1870



NEBO CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, CHICAGO. CONGREGATION ORGANIZED 1901



SARON, CHICAGO. ORGANIZED 1888



PARSONAGE, SARON, CHICAGO



MESSIAH, CHICAGO (AUSTIN), ORGANIZED 1895



PARSONAGE, MESSIAH, CHICAGO (AUSTIN)



ST. PAUL'S, CHICAGO,
ORGANIZED 1899



PARSONAGE, ST. PAUL'S, CHICAGO



FIRST, BERWYN
ORGANIZED 1898



ZION, CHICAGO,
ORGANIZED 1881



PARSONAGE, BERWYN



BETHANY, LEMONT,
ORGANIZED 1872



PARSONAGE, LEMONT



PARSONAGE, MAYWOOD



FIRST, MAYWOOD,
ORGANIZED 1895



GRACE, LA GRANGE,
ORGANIZED 1887



PARSONAGE, LA GRANGE



PROPOSED CHURCH PLANT, LA GRANGE



BETHLEHEM, JOLIET
ORGANIZED 1882



INTERIOR, BETHLEHEM, JOLIET



ZION, LOCKPORT
ORGANIZED 1875



PARSONAGE, LOCKPORT



GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS, CICERO
ORGANIZED 1919

Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. 1 Cor. 4. 1.



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Page 13)

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ence, Page 12)

ROCKFORD DISTRICT

The Kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, and sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding. Mt. 22. 2, 3.

Christ . . . loved the Church, and gave himself for it. Eph. 5. 25.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Ps. 29. 2.



EMANUEL, ROCKFORD. ORGANIZED 1882



INTERIOR, EMANUEL, ROCKFORD



PARSONAGE, EMANUEL, ROCKFORD



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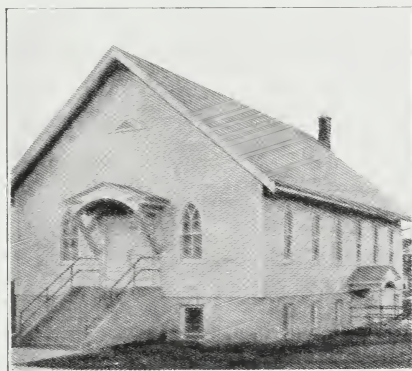
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FIRST CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, ROCKFORD. CONGREGATION ORGANIZED 1854



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ORGANIZED 1925



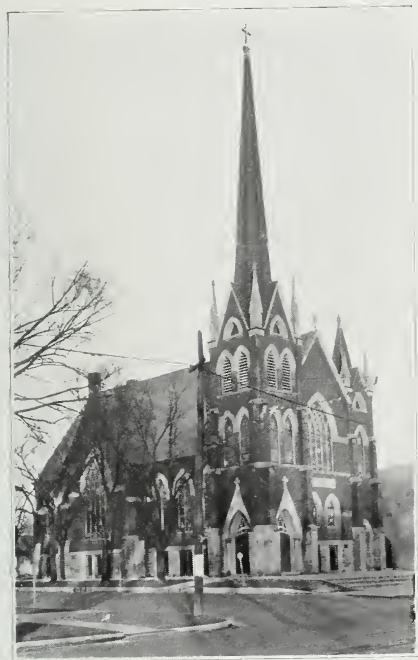
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PARSONAGE, ZION, ROCKFORD



BETHANY, CRYSTAL LAKE ORGANIZED 1923



GENEVA
ORGANIZED 1853



PARSONAGE, GENEVA



PARSONAGE, BATAVIA



BETHANY, BATAVIA
ORGANIZED 1872



FIRST, DEKALB. ORGANIZED 1858



PARSONAGE, DEKALB



SALEM, SYCAMORE
ORGANIZED 1870



PARSONAGE, SYCAMORE



LILY LAKE
ORGANIZED 1874



BETHLEHEM, ST. CHARLES
ORGANIZED 1882



PARSONAGE, ST. CHARLES



GRACE CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, AURORA. CONGREGATION ORGANIZED 1869



BETHLEHEM, ELGIN
ORGANIZED 1871



PARSONAGE, ELGIN



FIRST, PECATONICA
ORGANIZED 1857



PARSONAGE, PECATONICA



PARSONAGE, BELVIDERE



ZION, BELVIDERE
ORGANIZED 1896



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ORGANIZED 1898



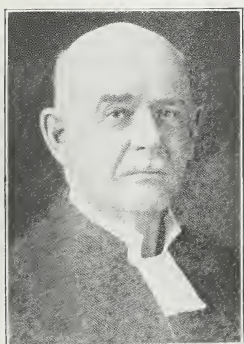
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ORGANIZED 1904



FIRST, KIRKLAND
ORGANIZED 1873



PARSONAGE, KIRKLAND



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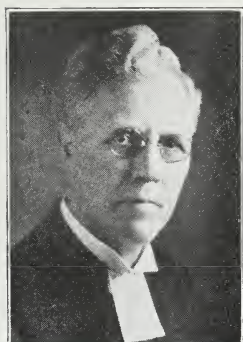
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LA PORTE DISTRICT

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker. Ps. 95. 6.



BETHANY CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, LA PORTE, INDIANA.
CONGREGATION ORGANIZED 1857



BETHLEHEM CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, GARY, INDIANA. CONGR. ORG. 1910



SARON, ST. JOE-BENTON HARBOR, MICH. ORGANIZED 1875



GLORIA DEI, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
ORGANIZED 1880



PARSONAGE, SOUTH BEND



ST. PAUL'S, EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA
ORGANIZED 1890



GENESARETH, INDIANA HARBOR, INDIANA
ORGANIZED 1906



AUGUSTANA, HOBART, INDIANA
ORGANIZED 1862

PARSONAGE, HOBART, INDIANA,

BETHEL, GARY (MILLER), INDIANA
ORGANIZED 1874



IMMANUEL, DONALDSON, INDIANA
ORGANIZED 1876



PARSONAGE, DONALDSON



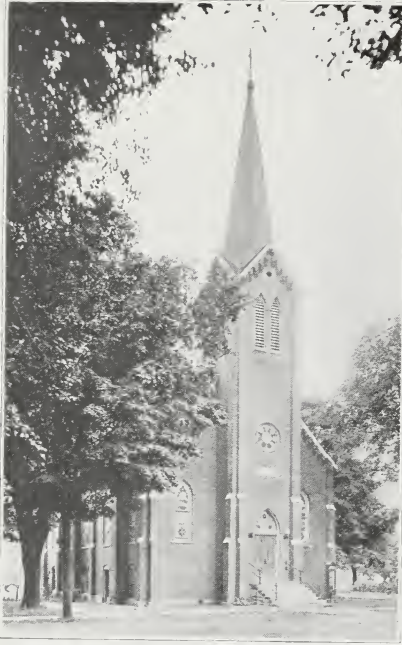
AUGSBURG CHURCH AND PARSONAGE,
PORTER, INDIANA.
CONGREGATION ORGANIZED 1858



ZION CHURCH AND PARSONAGE,
MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA
CONGREGATION ORGANIZED 1887



TRINITY, ELKHART, INDIANA,
ORGANIZED 1873



BETHLEHEM, CHESTERTON, INDIANA
ORGANIZED 1879



PARSONAGE, CHESTERTON



BETHANY, COVERT, MICHIGAN
ORGANIZED 1908

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2. 15.



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PAXTON DISTRICT

But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Mt. 6. 33.

My Kingdom is not of this world. John 18. 36.

For the Kingdom of God is not meet and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Rom. 14. 17.



PAXTON. ORGANIZED 1863



INTERIOR. PAXTON



PARSONAGE, PAXTON



PROPOSED CHURCH, BLOOMINGTON.
CONGREGATION ORGANIZED 1872



PARSONAGE, BLOOMINGTON



RANKIN. ORGANIZED 1875



CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, GIBSON CITY. CONGREGATION ORGANIZED 1881



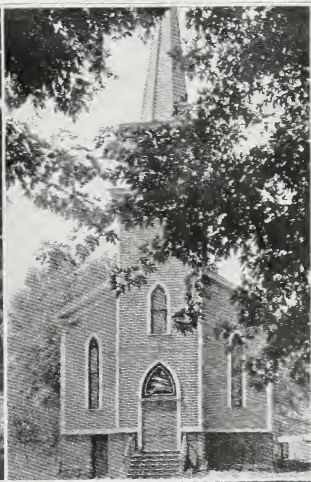
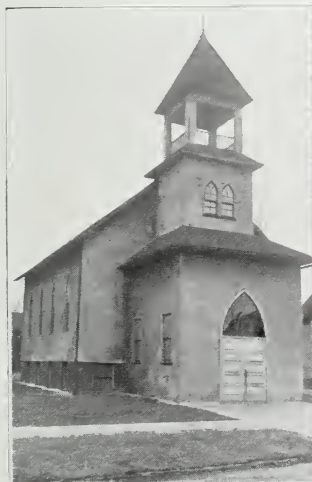
CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, VARNA. CONGREGATION ORGANIZED 1868



GRANVILLE. ORGANIZED 1902



PARSONAGE, GRANVILLE



STREATOR, ORGANIZED 1884. PARSONAGE, WENONA. WENONA. ORGANIZED 1892



ATTICA, INDIANA. ORGANIZED 1858



PARSONAGE, ATTICA, INDIANA



NEOGA. ORGANIZED 1862



DANVILLE. ORGANIZED 1885



UTICA. ORGANIZED 1890

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine...make full proof of thy ministry. 2 Tim. 4. 3. 5.



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GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Heb. 10. 25.



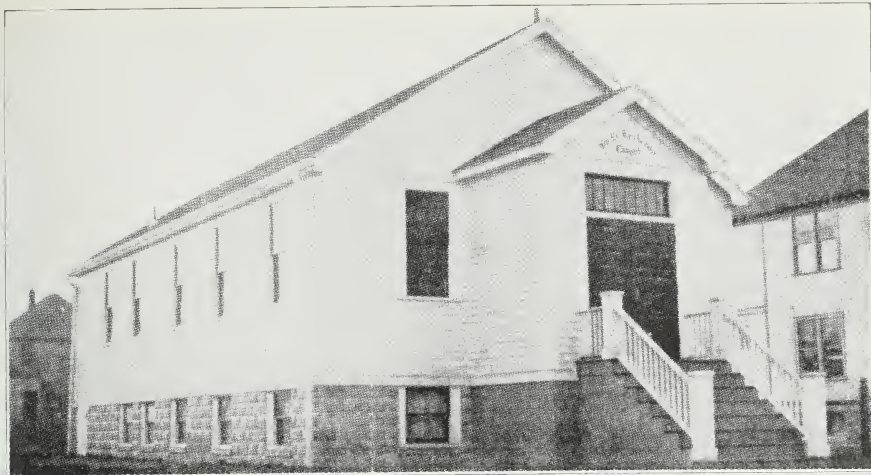
BETHLEHEM, DETROIT, MICHIGAN
ORGANIZED 1900



BETHLEHEM, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.
ORGANIZED 1873



PARSONAGE, GRAND RAPIDS



IMMANUEL, DETROIT, MICHIGAN. ORGANIZED 1919



PARSONAGE, IMMANUEL, DETROIT



MAMRELUND CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, SPARTA, MICHIGAN.
CONGREGATION ORGANIZED 1866



SALEM, FLINT, MICHIGAN.
ORGANIZED 1916



PARSONAGE, FLINT, MICHIGAN



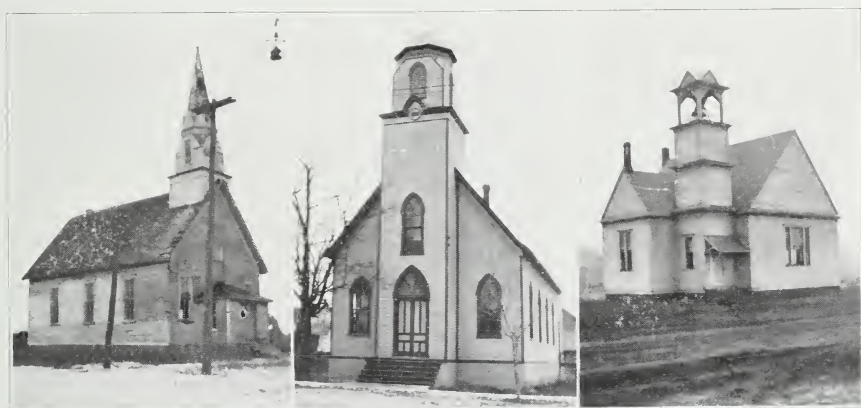
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CONGREGATION ORGANIZED 1878



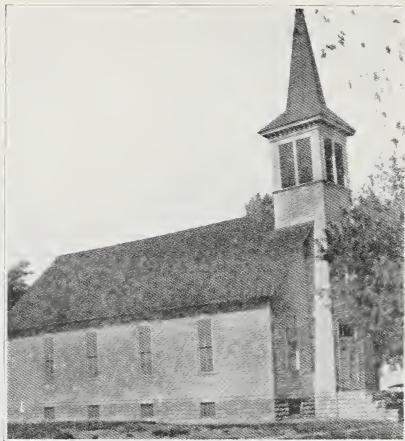
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ORGANIZED 1875



PARSONAGE, MUSKEGON



ABIGAIL, EAST TAWAS, MICHIGAN. ORGANIZED 1886.
ELEAZAR, OSCODA, MICHIGAN. ORGANIZED 1886.
ALABASTER, MICHIGAN. ORGANIZED 1908



ZION, BAY CITY, MICHIGAN.
ORGANIZED 1880



PARSONAGE, BAY CITY



SCANDINAVIAN, LANSING, MICHIGAN. ORGANIZED 1917



LEBANON, WHITEHALL, MICHIGAN
ORGANIZED 1872



PARSONAGE, WHITEHALL, MICHIGAN

For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord. 2 Cor. 4. 5.



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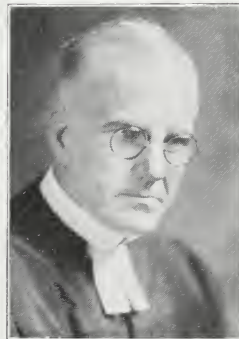
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CADILLAC DISTRICT

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption... For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 1 Cor. 15. 50, 53.

Many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the Kingdom of heaven. Mt. 8. 11.

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom of their Father. Mt. 13. 43.



ZION CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, CADILLAC, MICHIGAN.
CONGREGATION ORGANIZED 1874



ANSGARIUS, MANISTEE, MICHIGAN.
ORGANIZED 1884



PARSONAGE, MANISTEE



PARSONAGE, LUDINGTON



EMANUEL, LUDINGTON, MICHIGAN.
ORGANIZED 1874



CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN.
CONGREGATION ORGANIZED 1892



AUGUSTANA, COLFAX, MICHIGAN.
ORGANIZED 1887



IMMANUEL, BIG RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.
ORGANIZED 1874



PARSONAGE, BIG RAPIDS



BORLAND, MICHIGAN
ORGANIZED 1872
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TUSTIN, MICHIGAN.
ORGANIZED 1874



PARSONAGE, TUSTIN



GILBERT, MICHIGAN.
ORGANIZED 1880



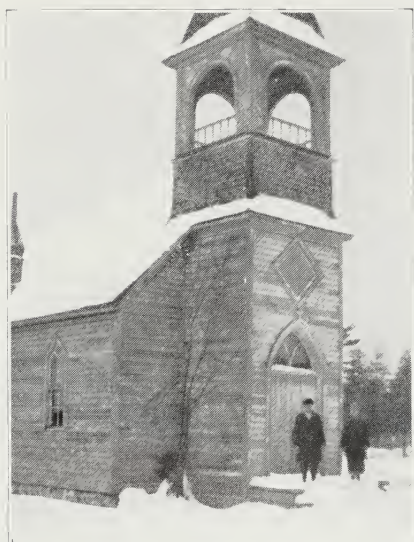
ZION, REED CITY, MICHIGAN.
ORGANIZED 1872



ZION, LE ROY, MICHIGAN.
ORGANIZED 1817



EMANUEL, DEWINGS, MICHIGAN.
ORGANIZED 1896



BETHANIA, ELK RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.
ORGANIZED 1892



GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS
MANCILONA, MICHIGAN.
ORGANIZED 1899



HOBART, MICHIGAN.
ORGANIZED 1874

Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. 1 Peter 5. 2-4.



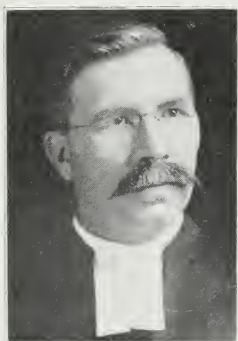
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FOREIGN MISSION, INNER MISSION, MISSION TO THE JEWS

FOREIGN MISSION

In its Foreign Mission activities, the Illinois Conference is a part of the Augustana Synod in its extensive work in China and Africa, supporting also the work of the United Lutheran Church in India—the field of the former General Council. The General Budget of the Augustana Synod for 1927 was: China, \$144,500; Africa, \$50,000; India, \$25,000.

For the Kingdom is the Lord's; and he is the governor among the nations. Ps. 22. 28.

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. Ps. 72. 8.

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name. Ps. 86. 9.

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. Mt. 24. 14.

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Incorporated 1925.

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For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land. Dt. 15. 11.

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the Law of Christ. Gal. 6. 2.

For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came to me. Mt. 25. 35, 36.



AUGUSTANA CENTRAL HOME,
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This is a mission hotel, a shelter for those that come to Chicago and need a safe place to stay at, where they can be among friends that are willing and anxious to assist them whenever in need.



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The Nursery receives and tenderly cares for destitute infants. It is a charitable institution, dependent for its support on the generosity of the friends of the helpless little ones. The institution also conducts a school for training nursery maids.



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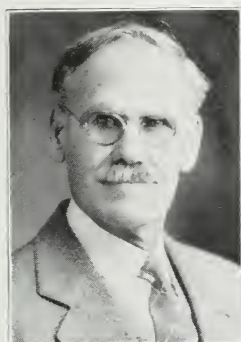


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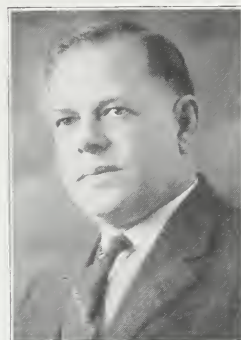
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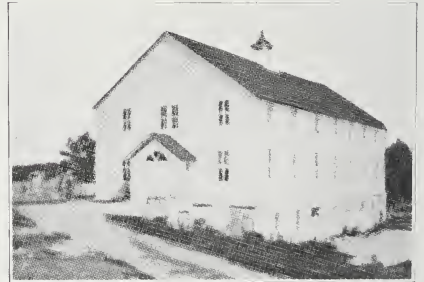
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MISSION TO THE JEWS

The Illinois Conference assists the Zion Society for Israel financially. The headquarters of this Lutheran Association is at 2021 Seventeenth Avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The society has Missions in Chicago, and in other places. Two of the pastors of the Conference are at present members of the Board of Directors. One of its pastors and one lady missionary, member of the Conference, are engaged in this work in Chicago.

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. Rom. 10. 1.

But even unto this day, whensoever Moses is read, a veil lieth upon their hearts. Nevertheless, when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away. 2 Cor. 3. 15, 16.

And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in; for God is able to graft them in again. Rom. 11. 23.



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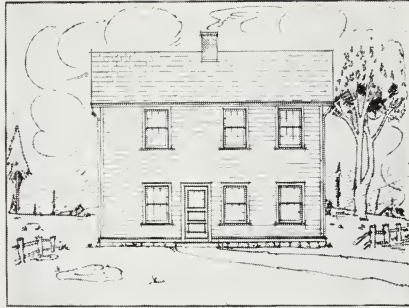
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HOMES FOR CHILDREN

Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Luke 6. 36.

Thou art the helper of the fatherless. Ps. 10. 14.

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Prov. 22. 6.



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LUTHERAN HOME FOR CHILDREN, AND FARM SCHOOL, ANDOVER. FOUNDED 1867. THE FARM CONSISTS OF 400 ACRES.



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FOUNDED 1891.



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Institutions at Joliet



Sister Ingeborg Carlberg,
Matron Children's Home,
Joliet

HOMES FOR THE AGED

The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness. Prov. 16. 31.

O God, thou hast taught me from my youth; and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works. Now also when I am old and gray-headed, O God, forsake me not. Ps. 71. 17, 18.



SALEM HOME FOR THE AGED, JOLIET. FOUNDED 1905



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Matron, Joliet



AUGUSTANA HOME FOR THE AGED, CHICAGO. FOUNDED 1911



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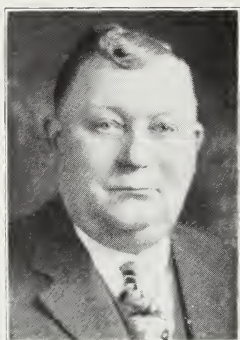


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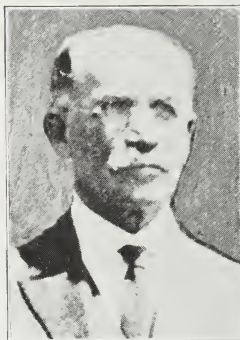


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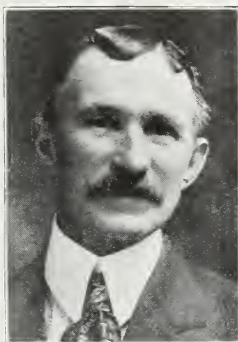
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HOSPITALS

Under the Management of Special Boards.

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of diseases among the people. Mt. 4. 23.

Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sickness. Mt. 8. 17.

He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted. Luke 4. 18.

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Gal. 6. 10.

AUGUSTANA HOSPITAL

Incorporated February 28th, 1882

This hospital, nationally and internationally known, is founded and maintained as a charitable institution. According to its charter, no individual or body, ecclesiastical or civic, can divert a single dollar for gain. Whatever surplus there is, when expenses are paid, must be devoted to the aid of sick and needy patients. From its very beginning the hospital has endeavored to do all the charity work possible for needy patients. During the forty-three years (1883-1927) free and part free hospital care has been given to a total amount of \$445,550. This does not include free treatment of patients in the way of professional services and surgical operations by members of the medical staff. During this period (1884-1927) the Hospital has received in gifts, bequests and proceeds from money-raising campaigns, a total of \$326,865. Thus the free and part-free hospital service has exceeded all gifts from all sources by nearly \$120,000. (See Report Augustana Hospital 1927). The Hospital has an excellent training school for nurses.

Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Phil. 2. 4. This passage together with verses 5-9 of the same chapter were used at the dedication of the first building.



FIRST BUILDING, AUGUSTANA
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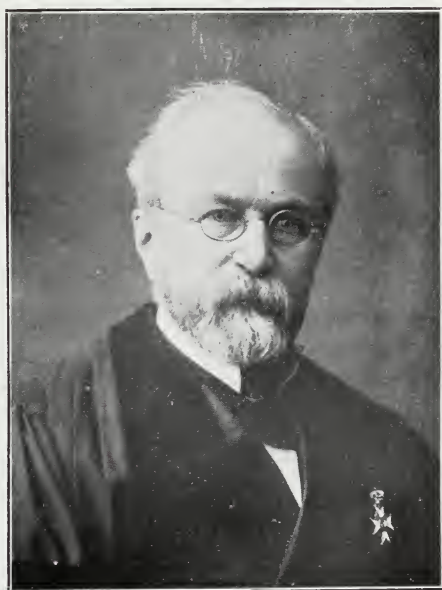
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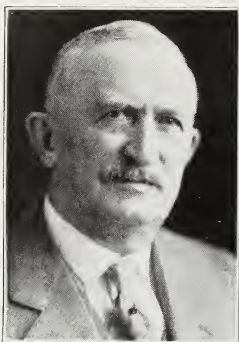


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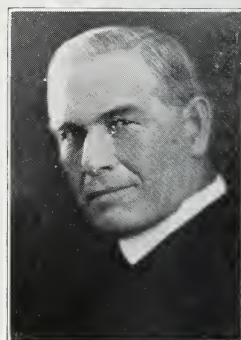
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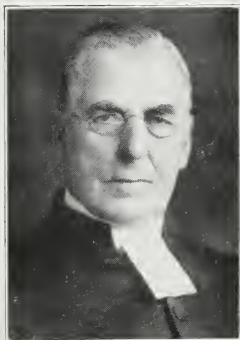
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NURSES' HOME. ERECTED 1922

DR. ANDERS FRICK,
Chief of Medical Staff



THE CROWN PRINCE AND
CROWN PRINCESS
OF SWEDEN

(Crown Prince Gustav Adolf
took part in the dedication
of the New Hospital Build-
ing, Midsummer Day, 1927)



VESTMENTS OF THE CHURCH OF SWEDEN PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE CONFERENCE BY THE CROWN PRINCE OF SWEDEN AT THE
DEDICATION OF THE NEW HOSPITAL, CHICAGO.

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL, MOLINE

Opened for Service February 4th, 1916.

This hospital is owned and controlled by the Rock Island District of the Illinois Conference. It reports, however, annually to the Conference, and the Conference has given it not only moral but also financial support. The hospital has an accredited training school for nurses. In 1926 the hospital rendered free service to part-paying patients, amounting to \$4,870.58. Besides, free service was given those who were unable to pay any part of their obligations, to the amount of \$5,309.72, or in all, \$10,180.36 in that year. These figures are the latest available at this time, February, 1928.



LUTHERAN HOSPITAL, MOLINE



Miss Amalia Dahlgren, R.N.,
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IMMANUEL WOMAN'S HOME, CHICAGO

This is a real home for girls, transients or employed in Chicago. The Home is owned and managed by the Immanuel Woman's Home Association, a corporation of women. Only women of the Augustana Synod are eligible as members of the Board of Directors.



IMMANUEL WOMAN'S HOME



Sister Frida Haff,
Superintendent

SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONS

THE LUTHER LEAGUE

The Luther Leagues of the congregations and of the districts of the conference are organized into the Conference Luther League.

Deliver me, O Lord, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man. For thou art my hope, O Lord God: thou art my trust from my youth. Ps. 71. 5.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word. Ps. 119. 9.

And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 2 Tim. 3. 15.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth. Eccl. 12. 1.
The glory of young men is their strength. Prov. 20. 29.

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. 1 Pet. 5. 5.



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LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD

Organized 1923.

Local Brotherhoods and District Brotherhoods are organized into the Illinois Conference Brotherhood. The Conference Brotherhood is affiliated with the Synodical Lutheran Brotherhood and the American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods. Their aim is the good of the local congregation, of Conference, and Synod.

Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! Ps. 133. 1.

But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 9. 6, 7.



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tana Synod

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas; this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. Acts 9. 36.



AUGUSTANA MISSION HOME. A Mission Home and Hospice owned and managed by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Augustana Synod. The Home is located at 3939 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago.



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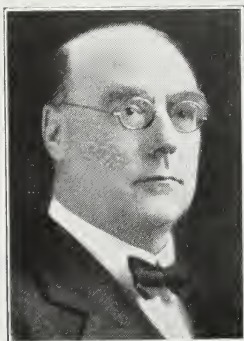
CHICAGO LUTHERAN BIBLE SCHOOL

In its organization, this Lutheran institution is intersynodical. Members of the Illinois Conference serve as members of its Board of Directors. Many of our pastors and laymen are connected with and take deep interest in this Bible school.

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2 Tim. 3. 16, 17.



CHICAGO LUTHERAN BIBLE SCHOOL



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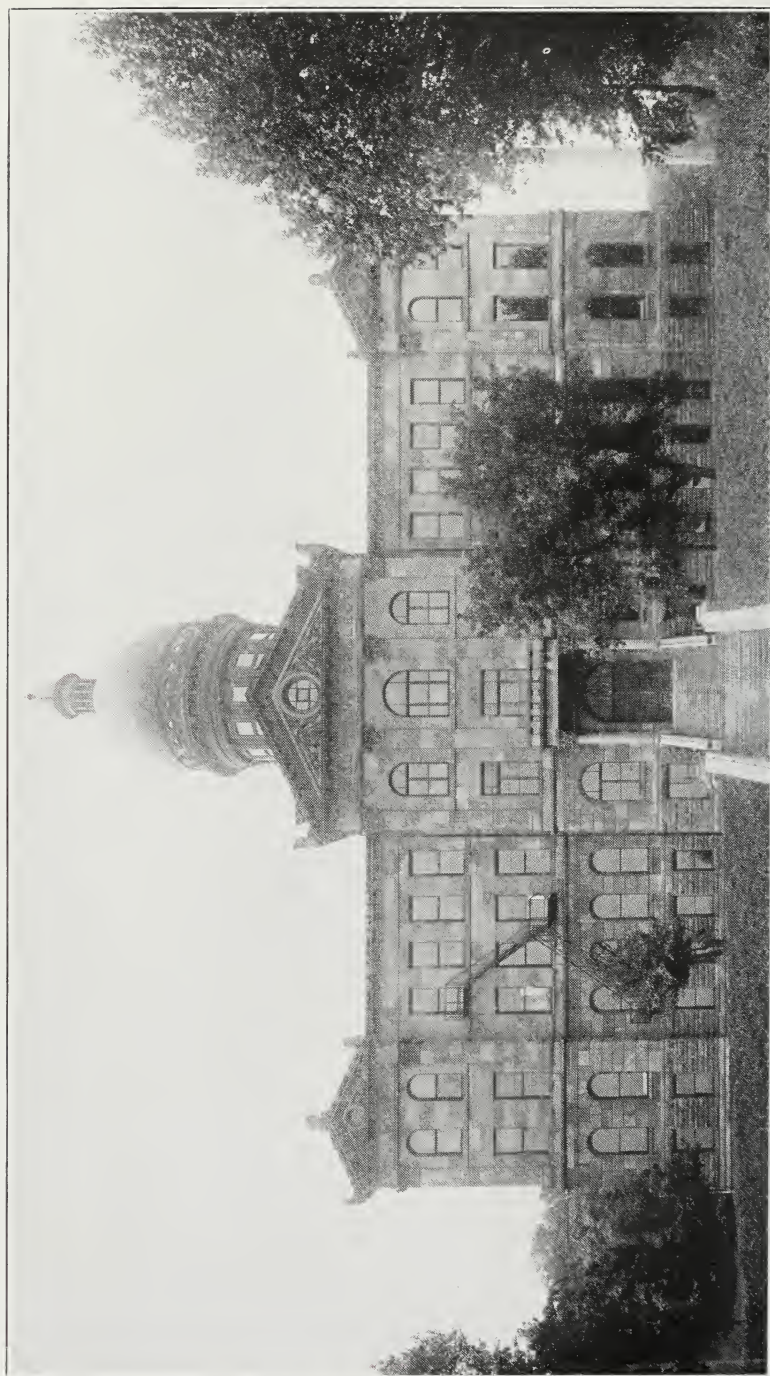
Founded 1860.

This is the principal institution of higher education of the Augustana Synod. It has always been located within the Illinois Conference. It is owned and controlled by the Synod. This Conference has promoted its material growth and educational development from its very beginning. This institution of the early days of our synod is firmly entrenched in the heart of our people.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. Prov. 1. 7.



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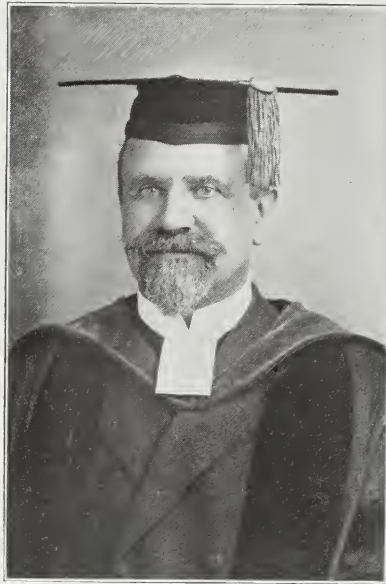
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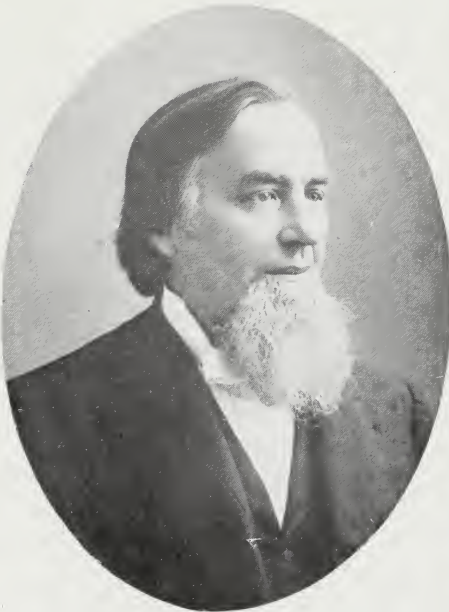
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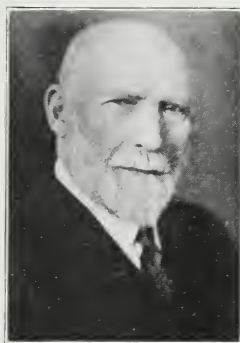
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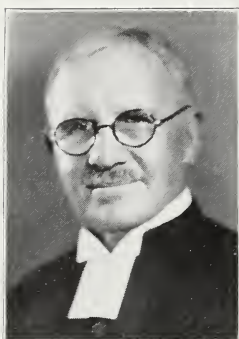
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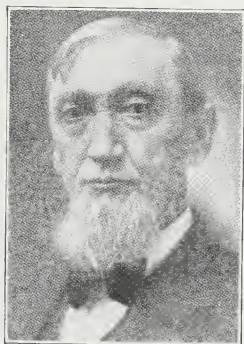
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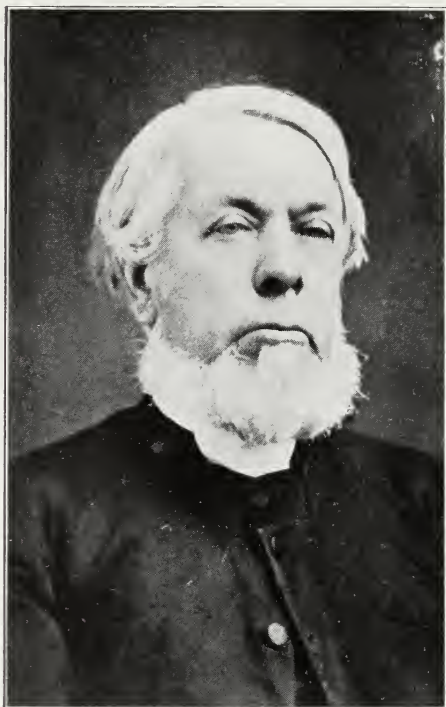
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of the Pastors and Teachers whose chief
work was done within the bounds of
the Illinois Conference these pages
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and gratitude.

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Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. Heb. 13. 7.



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Born March 2, 1816; ordained 1839;
died Feb. 4, 1891



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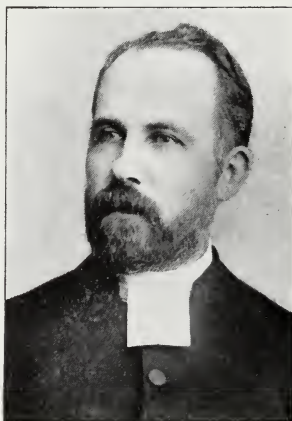
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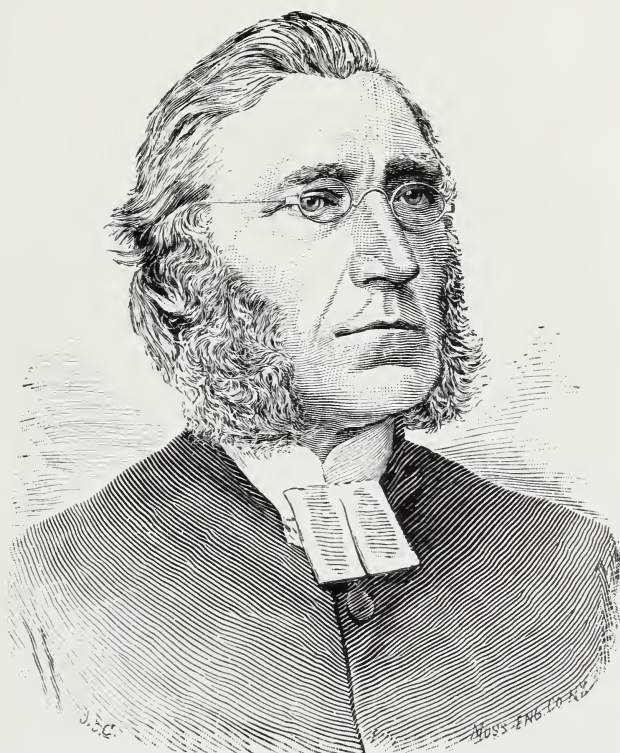
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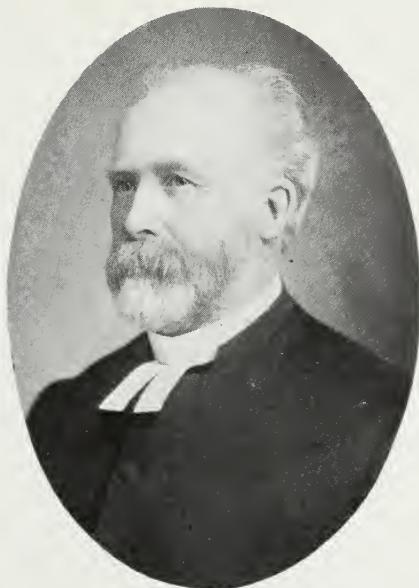
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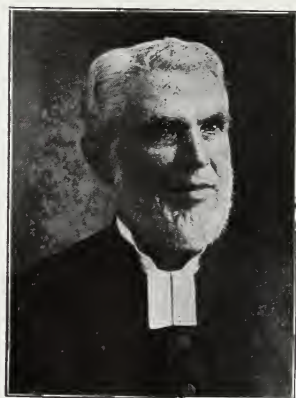
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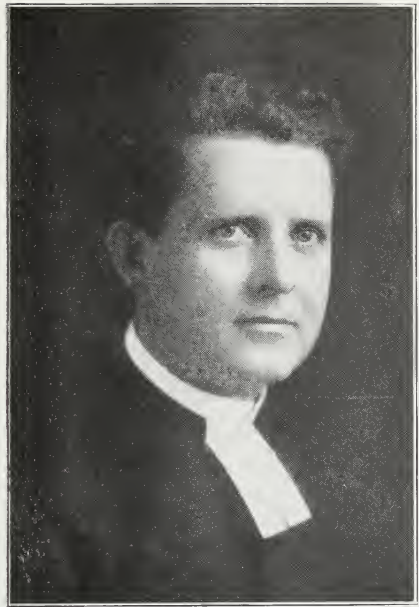
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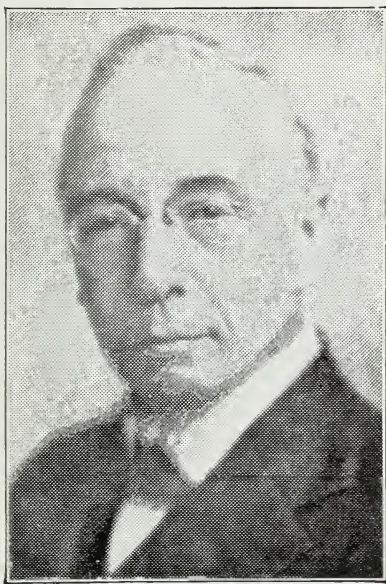
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LAY MEMBERS WHOSE NAMES ARE PART OF THE
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And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors: and their works do follow them. Rev. 14. 13.



Dr. A. O. Bersell, 1853—1903



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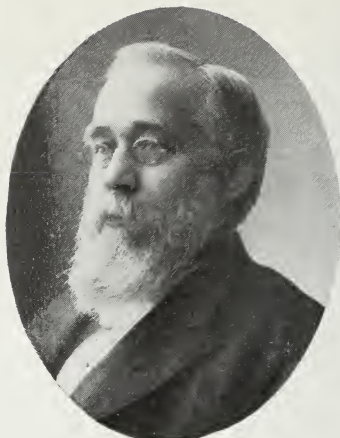
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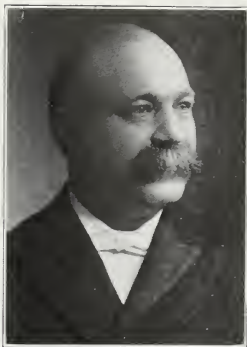
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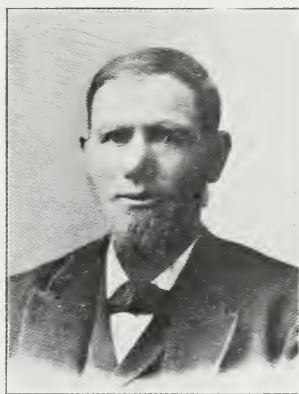
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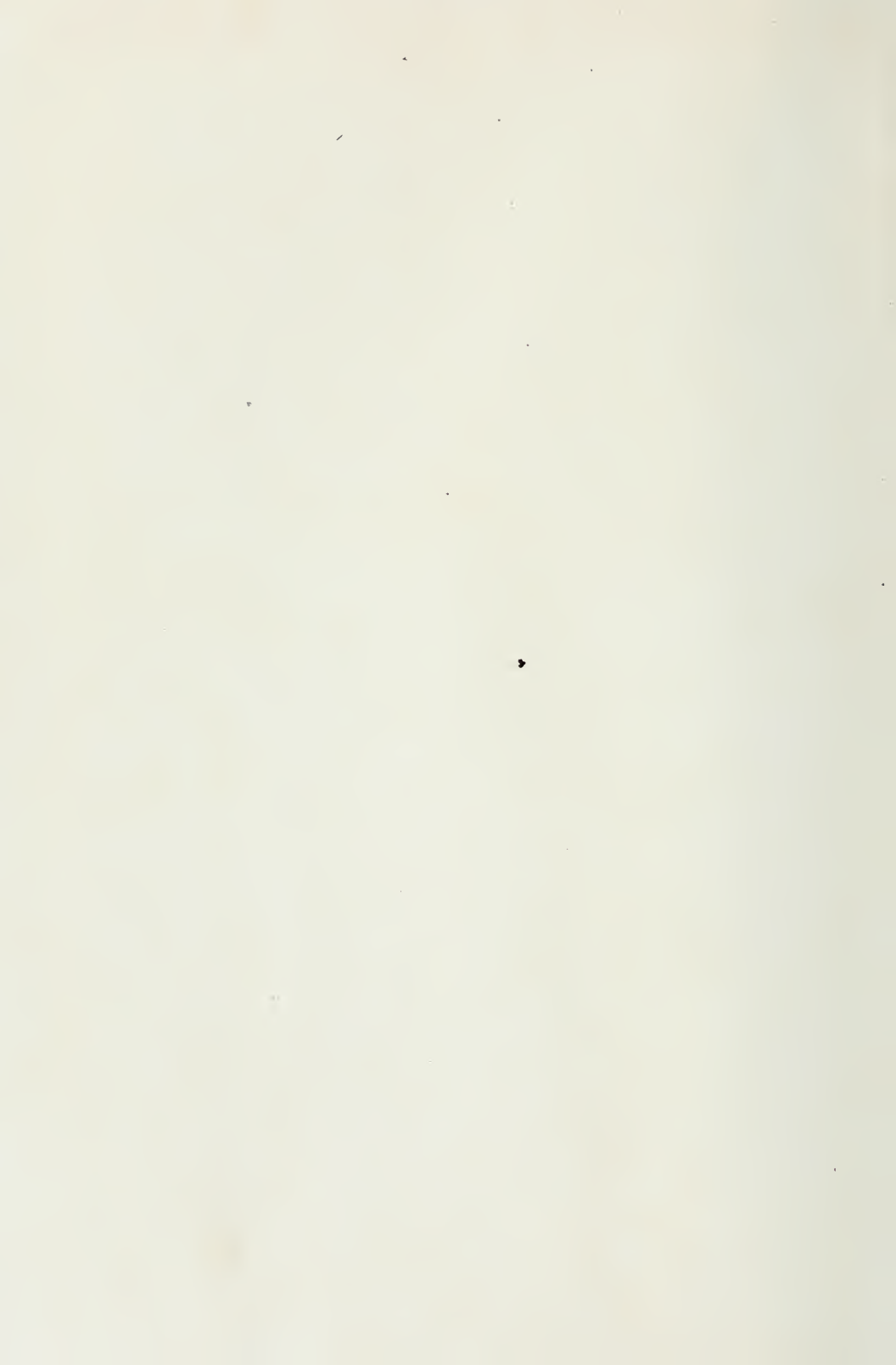
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